# **Geopolitics and Global Value Chains**

The International Business Landscape: 2019 and Beyond

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- US-China Geopolitical Rivalry: Tariffs, NTBs, Export Controls, Sanctions, Protectionism, Nationalism Localization
- The Evolving Trade landscape: 3 Scenarios
  - Fair Trade Model
  - China Inc. Model
  - Nationalist Model
- Localization & Fragmentation: Technology and Digital Trade
- What's Next for Global Value Chains?

# **KEY THEMES**



Rise of Nationalism









Increase of Data Localization Laws









**Export Controls** 

Increase in Non-Tariff barriers





Data Privacy Laws



US-China "Trade War and Tech War".



# **NON-TARIFF BARRIERS**



• What Are They?

#### **NON-TARIFF BARRIERS**

# Para-Tariff Measures

- Customs surcharges
- Internal taxes
- Transactional fees.

# "National Security"

- Sanctions.
- . Export licensing.
- Blocked Deals.

#### Standards Measures

- Technical Products
- Labeling.
- Safety
- Testing.
- Inspection
- Marking

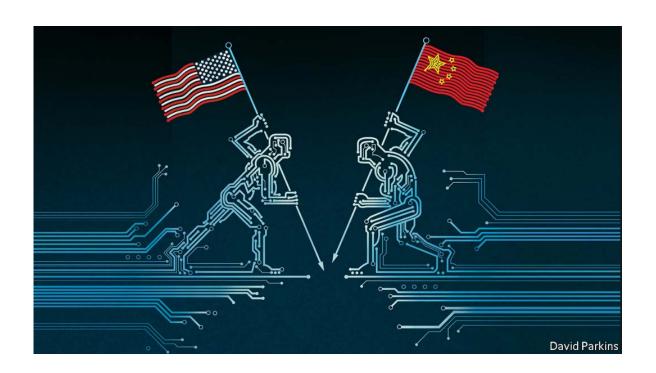
# Price Measures

- "Voluntary" restraints.
- Variable charges.
- · Price controls.

#### Finance Measures

- Advance payments.
- Advance deposits.
- Cash margin requirements.

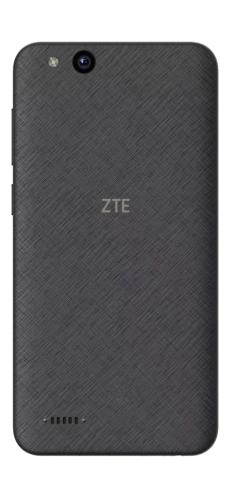
# **EXPORT CONTROLS, TECH TRANSFERS & SANCTIONS**



# U.S. Lifts Ban on China's ZTE After \$1.4 Billion Penalty



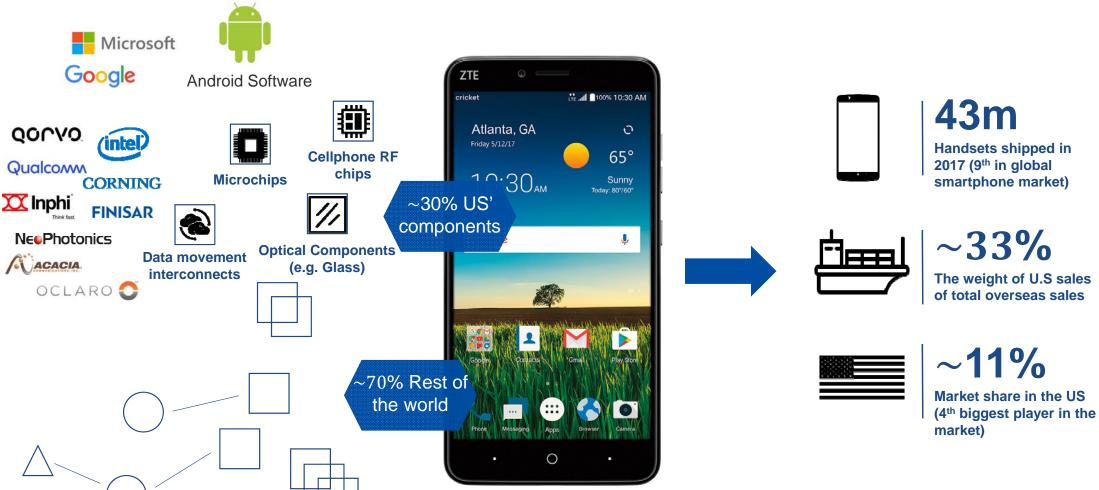




US cuts of ZTE from American Tech Suppliers



# ZTE中兴

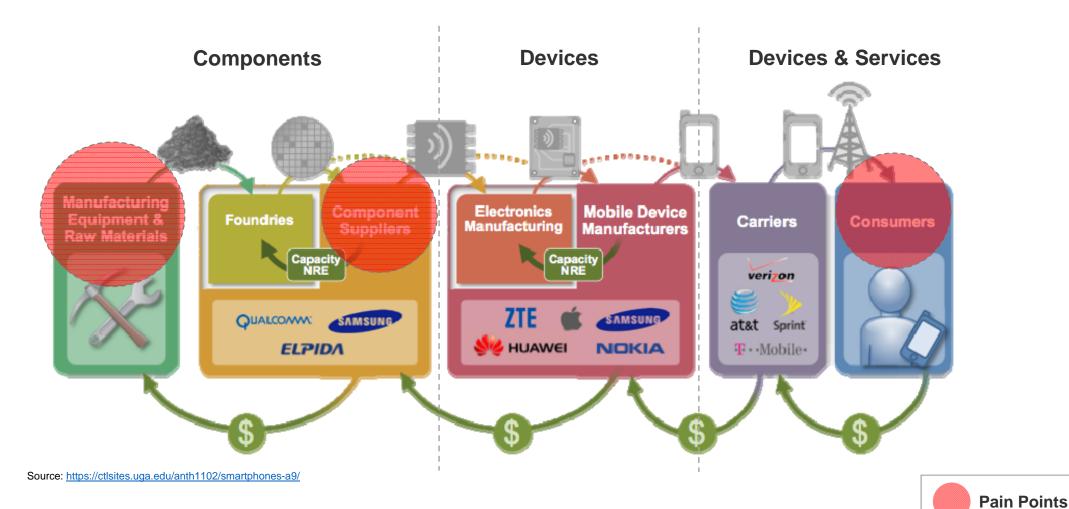


Source: https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-china-zte-components/u-s-suppliers-to-zte-may-find-more-demand-from-china-firms-rivals-idUSKBN1HP027,

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# **End-to-End Traceability**

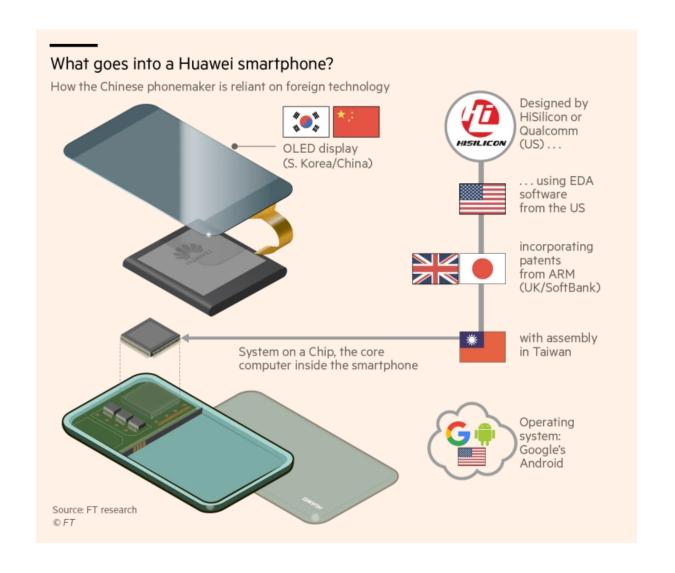






# **Are Chinese Tech Firms A Security Threat?**





## What's Next Re: GVC Disruption?



Rare Earth Materials





Boeing Aircraft China Sales/Exports



University Research Funding & Overseas Students



Apples Market Share in China (30 % of global Revenue)



Public Listing of Chinese Firms on the US Stock Markets

## **EMERGING GLOBAL TRADE MODELS**

The "Fair Trade"
Multilateral Rules
Frameworks

The "China Inc."
Globalization
Model

The Unilateral "Nationalist Model"

# "FAIR TRADE" & MULTILATERAL RULES-BASED FRAMEWORKS

# "Fair Trade Model"

# "FTA Gold Standard"

- **▶** Promotes Transparency
- **►** Environmental Standards
- **► Labor Standards**
- ➤ Intellectual Property
- > E-commerce rules
- Digital trade
- Data Privacy & Security

# **Good For Small and Medium Size (SMEs)**

- Easier Rules of Origin
- Self Certification
- Broader Protections on Intellectual Property

#### **Regulates State Owned Enterprises (SOEs)**

- ➤ Must Operate Under Transparency Rules
- Purchases and Sales based on commercial Realities and Practices
- Cannot Discriminate Against Enterprises, Goods or Services
- Cannot Benefit from State Subsidies or Assistance

Trade in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:

Technology as an Enabler

Transparency



Rules Frameworks

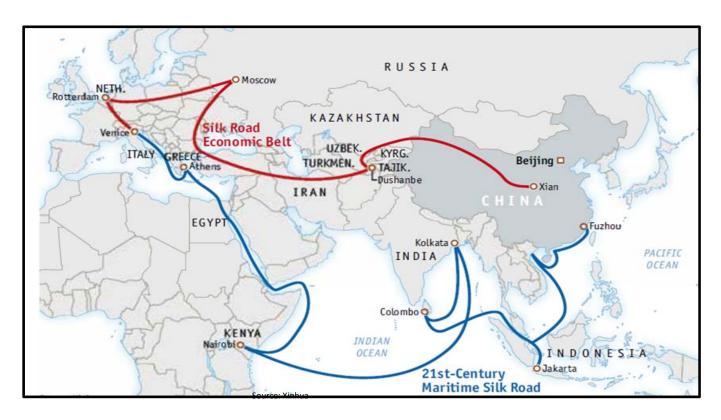


Sustainability

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# The China Inc. Globalization Model

#### **One-Belt-One-Road**

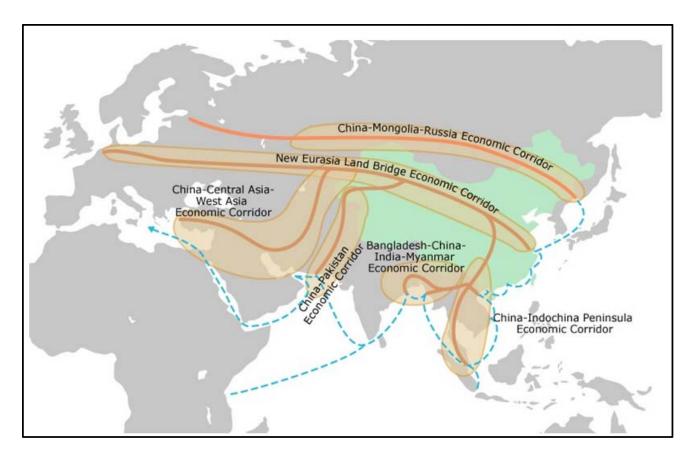


"Belt" = Physical Road from China to Europe

"Road" = The Historic Maritime "Silk Road"

- 50 % of World GDP
- 65 Countries on 3 Continents
- 4.4 Billion People
- 60 % of the World's Population

#### 6 Economic Corridors Across Asia, Africa, Europe



Source: HKD Research

#### Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)



- 16 Countries
- 45% of World's Population.
- 28% of GDP.
- Will involve Massive Infrastructure.
- Lead by China.
- AIIB to play a major role.

# **The Nationalist Trade Model**

#### THE NATIONALIST TRADE MODEL











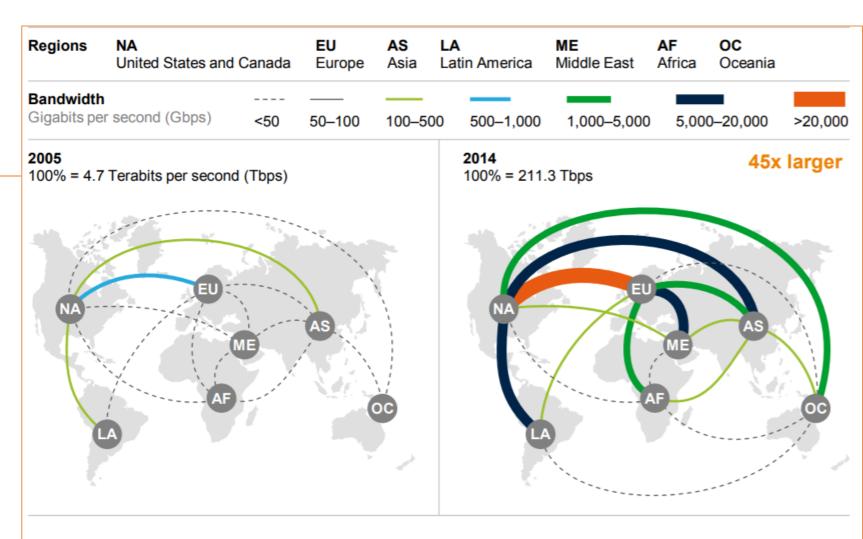


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# **Cross Border Data Flows**

# Digital Trade in the 21st Century:

 Cross-border data flows are surging and connecting more countries.



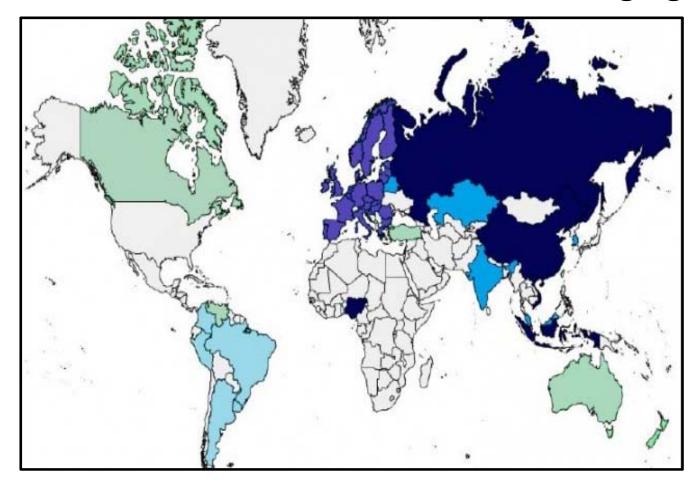
NOTE: Lines represent interregional bandwidth (e.g., between Europe and North America) but exclude intraregional cross-border bandwidth (e.g., connecting European nations with one another).

SOURCE: TeleGeography, Global Internet Geography; McKinsey Global Institute analysis

# Global flows of trade and finance are flattening, while data flows are soaring

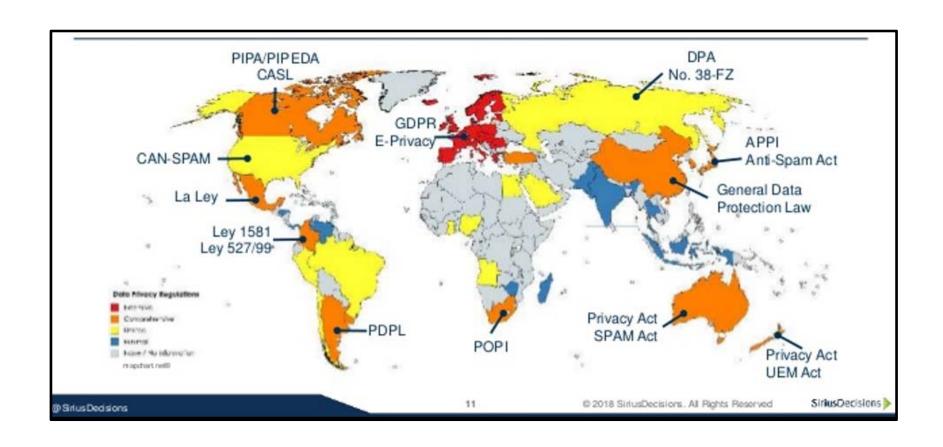


# **Data Localization Laws Are Surging**



COLOR	STRENGH OF MEASURES	COUNTRIES
	Strong: Explicit requirements that data must be stored on servers within the country.	Brunei, China, Indonesia, Nigeria, Russia, Vietnam
	<b>De Facto:</b> Laws that create such large barriers to the transfer of data across borders that they effectively act as data localization requirements.	European Union
	Partial: Wide range of measures, including regulations applying only to certain domain names and regulations requiring the consent of an individual before data about them is transferred internationally.	Belarus, India, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, South Korea
	Mild: Restrictions on international data transfers under certain conditions.	Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay
	Sector-specific: Tailored to specific sectors, including healthcare, telecom, finance, and national security.	Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Taiwan, Turkey, Venezuela
	None: No known data localization laws.	Remaining Countries

## **Data Privacy Regulations Around the World Will Increase**



# Digital Disruption & Trade in the 21st Century:

- E-commerce and the platform economy
- More Cross border
   B2B, B2C, P2P
- Social Media
- Sharing Economy



## **Changing Production Technologies**

- Automation: Scale Industries
- Additive Manufacturing (3D printing)
- Capital Substitution for Labour
- Transition: Asset Heavy to Asset Light Models



# **Off-Shoring to Next Shoring**

1980's - Present

"Off-Shoring" 1980's-1990s

- Labor cost arbitrage
- Extended supply chains
- Regulatory arbitrage
- Farther from demand
- Economies-of-scale model (low variety)
- Far from R&D and Innovation Centers
- Increased supply chain risks
- IP/Transfer of technology risk

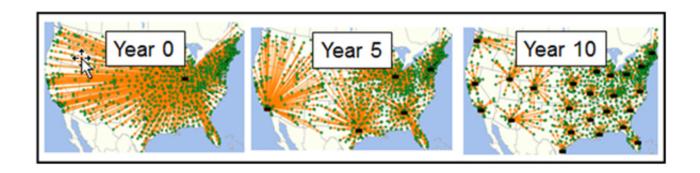
"Near Shoring" 1990s- 2000s

- Labor costs no longer primary criteria
- Shorter, multi-faceted supply chains
- Production closer to demand
- Multi-faceted innovation and design footprints
- Robust global networks of suppliers
- More production variety
- Lower supply chain risks

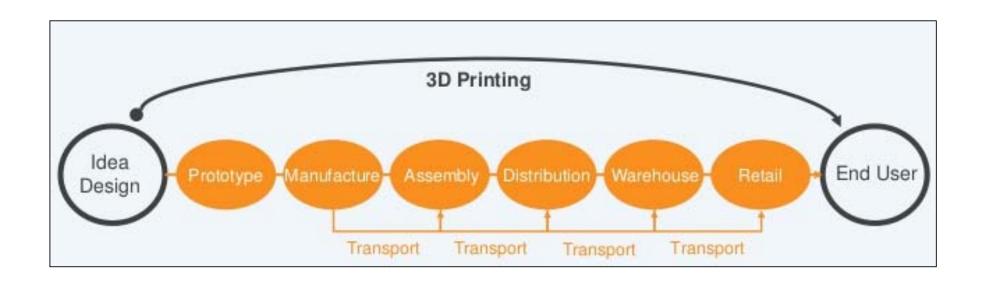
"Next-Shoring" 2010-Present

- Proximity to demand
- Proximity to innovation
- Virtual networks
- Talent Pools
- Short supply chains
- Flexible production
- Diverse, fragmented markets, products
- · Agile, evolving
- Sustainable, socially accountable

# **3D-Localization, Fragmentation**



#### **3D Disintermediation**



#### "Servicification" of GVCs

- Digital Platforms (Facilitation, management, maintenance, digital trade)
- Commoditization of data
- loT (infrastructure, connectivity)
- Sustainability and Ethics Service Providers (NGOs, niche players)
- AI & Knowledge Intensive Services
   (manufacturing of algorithms, cognitive data analysis)
- Trust and Security Services (privacy, security, truth)
- Regulatory Compliance (auditing, planning)
- Taxation (auditing, planning, optimization etc)
- Shared Economy (last-mile delivery; capacity optimization etc)



# **Small and Medium Sized Businesses**

#### THE ECONOMICS OF SMALL BUSINESS

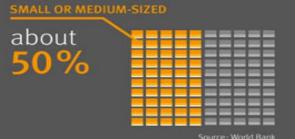


PRIVATE-SECTOR EMPLOYMENT

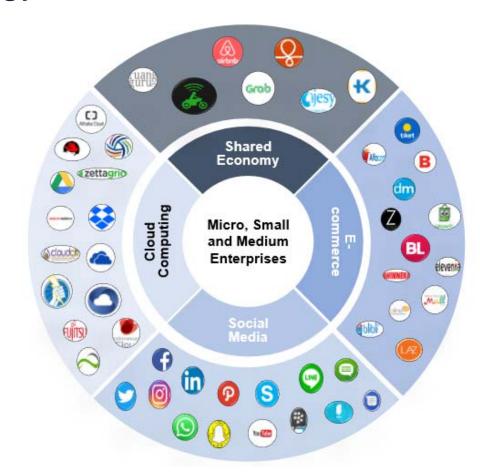
60% IN SMALL OR MEDIUM-

Source: World Bank

CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD GROSS VALUE ADD



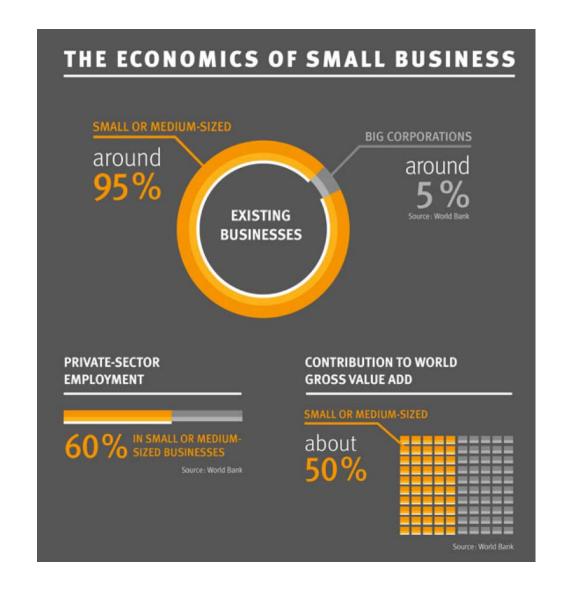
# Technology, Small Businesses and Trade



# Digital Disruption & Trade in the 21st Century:

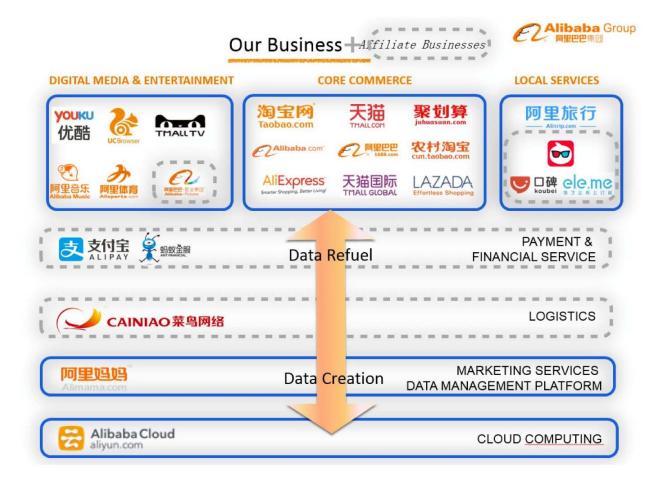
#### **MSMEs**

- "Leveling UP"
- Leveraging Tech



# A "One-Stop Shop": Case of Alibaba





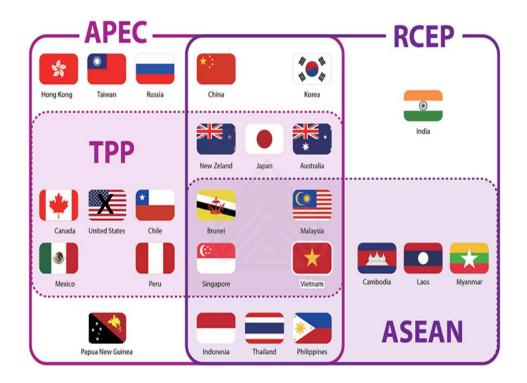
# What's Next for Global Value Chains?







Migration to production hubs within FTA areas.



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Increased
Trade amongst
MSMEs



# Increased Data Protectionsism



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